

AMENDMENT

Applicant has included a Version With Markings To Show Changes Made at the end of this response.

In the Specification:

At page 56, lines 16-22, please delete the entire paragraph.

At page 67, lines 18-22, please delete the paragraph and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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--Control and hPTTG-transfected cells were tested for anchorage-independent growth in soft agar; 3 ml of soft agar (20% of 2X DMEM, 50% DMEM, 10% fetal bovine serum, and 20% of 2.5% agar, melted and mixed at 45°C) were added to 35-mm tissue dishes. 10,000 cells were mixed with 1 ml soft agar and added to each dish, and incubated for 2 weeks until colonies could be counted and photographed.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-34 and 36-52, without prejudice, as being directed to non-elected claim groups.

REMARKS

Applicant's Amendment

The amendment at page 56, lines 16-22 is to correct an obvious typographical error (i.e., bold type) and for greater clarity, because the paragraph is redundant in view of the paragraph at page 7, lines 20-28.

The amendments at page 67, lines 18, 20, and 21, are to correct obvious typographical errors.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-34 and 36-52, without prejudice, as being directed to non-elected claim groups, and with a complete reservation of all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The Office Action and Applicant's Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, and required Applicant to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. The Examiner designated eight claim groups.

In response, Applicant elects designated claim **Group V** (Claims 35 and 53).

Applicant's election is made with a complete reservation of all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner's further requirement of an election of species, if designated claim groups I or II were elected, has been mooted by Applicant's election of Group V.

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[The invention also relates to a screening substances for new immunosuppressive agents. The method involves culturing lymphocytes; exposing the cultured lymphocytes to a potential immunosuppressive agent in the presence of a known lymphocyte activator; and detecting a change in the expression level of PTTG in the lymphocytes compared to control lymphocytes not exposed to the potential immunosuppressive agent, downregulation of PTTG expression being indicative of an immunosuppressive capacity possessed by the potential immunosuppressive agent.]

At page 67, lines 18-22, please delete the paragraph and insert therefor the following paragraph:

--Control and hPTTG-transfected cells were tested for anchorage-independent growth in soft agar[.]; 3 ml of soft agar (20% of 2X DMEM, 50% DMEM, 10% fetal bovine serum, and 20% of 2.5% agar, melted and mixed at 45°C) were added to 35-mm tissue dishes. 10,000 cells were mixed with 1 ml soft agar and added to each dish, and [i]ncubated for 2 weeks until colonies could be counted and photographed.--.

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